

Bureau of Health Care Quality & Compliance

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H 00	INITIAL COMMENTS Surveyor: 22048 This Statement of Deficiencies was generated as a result of an Initial State Licensure Survey conducted in your facility on September 10, 2009, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 449, Home Health Agencies. The findings and conclusions of any investigation by the Health Division shall not be construed as prohibiting any criminal or civil investigations, actions or other claims for relief that may be available to any party under applicable federal, state or local laws. _ personnel files were reviewed. The following deficiencies were identified:	H 00		
H128 SS=C	449.770 Governing Body; Bylaws 3. The governing body shall appoint an advisory group of professional personnel, including one or more members who are practicing physicians, one or more professional registered nurses and representatives from other professional disciplines as indicated by the scope of the agency's program. This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 22048 Based on document review and staff interview, the agency failed to appoint members to the advisory group of professional personnel that included representatives from the professional disciplines as indicated by the scope of the agency's program. 1. The professional advisory group did not include occupational therapy, speech therapy or home health aide representation.	H128		

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H131	Continued From page 1	H131			
H131 SS=C	<p>449.770 Governing Body; Bylaws</p> <p>6. The governing body shall adopt bylaws or an acceptable equivalent in accordance with legal requirements. The bylaws must be written, revised as needed, and made available to all members of the governing body, the health division and the advisory group. the terms of the bylaws must include at least the following:</p> <p>(a) The basis upon which members of the governing body are selected, their terms of office of their duties and responsibilities.</p> <p>(b) A provision specifying to whom responsibilities for the administration and supervision of the program and the evaluation of practices may be delegated, and the methods established by the governing body for holding those persons responsible.</p> <p>(c) A provision specifying the frequency of board meetings and requiring that minutes be taken at each meeting.</p> <p>(d) A provision requiring the establishment of personnel policies.</p> <p>(e) the agency's statements of objectives.</p> <p>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 22048 Based on documentation review and staff interview, the agency failed to provide guidelines for selection, terms of office and responsibilities of the governing body as required by statute.</p>	H131			
H140 SS=C	<p>449.779 Professional Advisory Group</p> <p>1. The professional advisory group must be appointed by the governing body and shall assist in establishing written policies covering skilled nursing, other therapeutic services and other aspects of professional health. These policies must be reviewed at least annually and revised</p>	H140			

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H140	Continued From page 2 as necessary, and must cover the following: (a) The scope of services offered; (b) Administrative records; (c) Personnel qualifications and responsibilities; and (d) The evaluation of programs. This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 22048 Based on document review and staff interview, the agency failed to provide for review of the policies and procedures by the professional advisory group as required by statute.	H140		
H141 SS=C	449.779 Professional Advisory Group 2. The professional advisory group must include at least one member who is a practicing physician, one professional registered nurse, representatives from other professional disciplines as indicated by the scope of the agency's program and two members who are representatives of the general public served by the agency. At least one member of the advisory group may not be an owner or employee of the agency. The administrator or his designee shall attend all meetings of the advisory group. This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 22048 Based on document review and staff interview, the agency failed to include on the professional advisory group representatives from all professional disciplines as indicated by the scope of the agency's program. 1. There were no representatives for occupational therapy, speech therapy or home health aide.	H141		

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H154	Continued From page 3	H154		
H154	<p>449.782 Personnel Policies</p> <p>A home health agency shall establish written policies concerning the qualification, responsibilities and conditions of employment for each type of personnel, including licensure if required by law. The written policies must be reviewed as needed and made available to the members of the staff and the advisory groups. The personnel policies must provide for:</p> <p>8. A health record to be on file with the agency which must comply with the "CDC Guideline for Isolation Precautions in Hospitals," February 1, 1996, edition, which the state board of health hereby adopts by reference. A copy of the publication may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Research Department, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, for the price of \$23.50.</p> <p>This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 28436 NAC 441A.375</p> <p>3. Before initial employment, a person employed in a medical facility, a facility for the dependent or a home for individual residential care shall have a:</p> <p>(a) Physical examination or certification from a licensed physician that the person is in a state of good health, is free from active tuberculosis and any other communicable disease in a contagious stage; and</p> <p>(b) Tuberculosis screening test within the preceding 12 months, including persons with a history of bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination.</p> <p>If the employee has only completed the first step of a 2-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test within the preceding 12 months, then the second step of the</p>	H154		

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H154	Continued From page 4 2-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test or other single-step tuberculosis screening test must be administered. A single annual tuberculosis screening test must be administered thereafter, unless the medical director of the facility or his designee or another licensed physician determines that the risk of exposure is appropriate for a lesser frequency of testing and documents that determination. The risk of exposure and corresponding frequency of examination must be determined by following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200. 4. An employee with a documented history of a positive tuberculosis screening test is exempt from screening with skin tests or chest radiographs unless he develops symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis. 5. A person who demonstrates a positive tuberculosis screening test administered pursuant to subsection 3 shall submit to a chest radiograph and medical evaluation for active tuberculosis. 6. Counseling and preventive treatment must be offered to a person with a positive tuberculosis screening test in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200. 7. A medical facility shall maintain surveillance of employees for the development of pulmonary symptoms. A person with a history of tuberculosis or a positive tuberculosis screening test shall report promptly to the infection control specialist, if any, or to the director or other person in charge of the medical facility if the medical facility has not designated an infection control specialist, when any pulmonary symptoms develop. If symptoms of tuberculosis are present,	H154			

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H154	Continued From page 5 the employee shall be evaluated for tuberculosis Based on record review it was determined that 4 of 8 employees did not have evidence of TB testing in accordance with NAC 441.A. (Employees #1, 6, 7 and 8) Based on record review it was determined that 1 of 8 employees did not have evidence a physical examination or certification from a licensed physician that the person was in a state of good health, is free from active tuberculosis and any other communicable disease in a contagious stage in accordance with NAC 441.A. (Employee #5)	H154		
H179 SS=C	449.793 Evaluation by Governing Body 5. A committee shall review the medical and personnel policies to ensure that the policies are being fulfilled and necessary changes or additions are effected. This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 22048 Based on document review and staff interview, the agency failed to have the policies and procedures reviewed by the annual evaluation committee.	H179		
H180 SS=C	449.793 Evaluation by Governing Body 6. The governing body shall provide for a quarterly review of 10 percent of the records of patients who have received services during hte preceding 3 months in each services area. The members of the committee must include an administrative representative, a physician, a registered nurse and a clerk or librarian who keeps records. The clerk or librarian shall review	H180		

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H180	Continued From page 6 the clinical records to ensure that they are complete, that all forms are properly filled out and that documentation complies with good medical practices. The committee shall determine whether the services have been provided to the patients in an adequate and appropriate manner by all levels of service. The committee shall record any deficiencies and make necessary recommendations to the administrator. If the branch offices are small, two or more offices may establish one committee to review cases from each are. Each subunit agency must establish a committee to review cases within its area. Minutes of the committee's meetings must be documented and available for review. This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 22048 Based on document review and staff interview, the agency failed to provide a policy that included all disciplines required on the committee responsible for the quarterly review of patient clinical records.	H180			
H197 SS=C	449.800 Medical Orders 5. The agency must have an established policy regarding the administration of injectable narcotics and other drugs subject to the drug abuse law. If the policy allows the administration of injectable narcotics and other dangerous drugs subject to drug abuse law, they must be prescribed according to state regulations. This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: 22048 Based on document review and staff interview, the agency failed to establish a policy for injectable narcotics that covered all the requirements stated in statute.	H197			

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